

## HOW TO WEAR A SAFETY BELT

### ADULTS

- Wear lap belt low and snug.
- Wear shoulder belt snug across chest.
- Keep vehicle seat back in upright position.



### PREGNANT WOMEN

- Wear lap belt below abdomen.
- Wear shoulder belt across chest.
- If your safety belt is too short, contact auto dealer for safety belt extender.



### CHILDREN

- Use child seat until weight reaches 40 lbs.
- Use approved booster seat after child reaches 40 lbs., and until the safety belt fits properly.
- Use shoulder/lap belt combinations whenever possible as long as the shoulder belt crosses child's collarbone, not face or throat.
- Do not allow child to sit on pillow.
- If a lap/shoulder belt is not available, a lap-only belt should be worn as low and snug as possible.
- Children 12 and under should always ride buckled up in a rear seat.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,

PLEASE CONTACT THE KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM  
AT (502) 564-6700 OR VISIT [WWW.KENTUCKYSTATEPOLICE.ORG](http://WWW.KENTUCKYSTATEPOLICE.ORG).

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In 2002, traffic crashes caused more than 900 fatalities and 51,000 injuries in Kentucky. Many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented if the victims had been properly restrained.

This year, in an effort to save lives and reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries on our roadways, the Governor's Highway Safety Program has launched *Buckle Up Kentucky – It's the Law & It's Enforced* in conjunction with the national *Operation America Buckles Up Children* mobilization.

Through this initiative, state and local law enforcement will patrol and conduct traffic safety checkpoints in high crash locations to enforce traffic laws with special emphasis on occupant protection. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for those who fail to comply with Kentucky's child restraint and safety belt law.

If you are among those who don't regularly buckle up yourself or children, remember: **it's the law and it will be enforced.**

## KENTUCKY'S SAFETY BELT LAW

No person shall operate a motor vehicle manufactured after 1965 on the public roadways of this state unless the driver and all passengers are wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt...

The driver is responsible for assuring that himself and all passengers in the vehicle are properly restrained.

Failure to wear a safety belt is a secondary violation. A uniform citation for a safety belt violation may be issued only if an officer has cause to stop the person for reasons other than a violation of the safety belt law.

Any person who violates the provision of Kentucky's Safety Belt Law shall be fined an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

## KENTUCKY'S CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

Any driver of a motor vehicle, when transporting a child of forty (40) inches in height or less in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets, and highways of this state, shall have the child properly secured in a child restraint system of a type meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Any person who violates the provisions of Kentucky's Child Restraint Law shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) and shall pay an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) which shall be deposited in the Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund.



**CAUTION!**

**SAFETY BELTS SHOULD NEVER  
BE WORN LOOSE, UNDER ARM,  
ACROSS THROAT, OR OVER FACE.**